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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE FROM EDMONDSON

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SUBJ: RHODESIA: RICHARD'S SALISBURY MEETINGS AND PLANS

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR SCOTT BRIEFED ME ON IVOR RICHARD'S MEETINGS WITH IAN SMITH AND BISHOP MUZEREWU IN SALISBURY ON FRIDAY JANUARY 21. SUBSTANCE REPORTED IN NEXT FOLLOWING TELS IS SLIGHT PARAPHRASE OF RICHARD'S REPORTING TELS WHICH SCOTT ASKED ME NOT TO TELL LONDON OR RICHARD I HAD SEEN IN ACTUAL TEXT.

2. SCOTT SAYS FCO SENT RICHARD FAIRLY FIRM INSTRUCTIONS FRIDAY NOT TO RETURN TO LONDON, AS THEY DID NOT WANT TO GIVE ANY POSSIBLE IMPRESSION HE WAS BREAKING OFF HIS TRIP RIGHT AFTER SEEING SMITH. ACCORDINGLY ALTHOUGH SCOTT COULD NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY RICHARD MIGHT RETURN ANYWAY, HE NOW THINKS IT MUCH MORE LIKELY THA RICHARD WILL REMAIN IN AFRICA PAST JANUARY 30 OR AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER HE HAS SEEN NKOMO AND MUGABE.

3. RICHARD WILL BE SEEING SMITH AGAIN ON MONDAY AND SCOTT THINKS HE MIGHT EVEN SPEND MONDAY NIGHT IN SALISBURY, ALTHOUGH FOR COMMUNICATIONS REASONS HE MAY WANT TO GO ON TO HIS NEXT

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STOP EARLIER. THAT NEXT STOP COULD BE LUSAKA, NAIROBI, OR

GABORONE. WHILE LUSAKA WOULD BE LOGICAL SINCE THAT IS WHERE MUGABE AND NKOMO ARE TO BE BY FRIDAY, UND THERE HAS APPARENTLY BEEN MENTION OF A POSSIBILITY OF SEEING THEM EARLIER, IT MAY NOT BE GOOD TO GO THEGE DIRECT FROM SALISBURY IN VIEW OF JASON MOYO'S DEATH IN A LETTER BOMB EXPLOSION. GABORONE HAS

BEEN MENTIONED AND HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING CLOSE, BUT THE BRITISH DO NOT REGARD IT AS BEING IN THE MAIN STREAM. RICHARD MAY PREFER NAIROBI AS IT IS MORE COMFORTABLE AND HAS A LARGER MISSION THERE TO SUPPORT HIM.

4. SCOTT WILL LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE MONDAY MORNING WHAT MORE HS CAN LEARN OF RICHARD'S PLANS. IF I AM TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH RICHARD IT WOULD APPEAR BEFT NOT TO LEAVE FOR LONDON MONDAY BUT TO STAY PUT UNTIL I KNOW HWERE I CAN MEET HIM. I MIGHT BE ABLE TO MOVE MORE QUICKLY FROM PRETORIA BUT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN AS CLOSE TOUCH WITH SCOTT. IF RICHARD GOES TO NAIROBI, I CAN STILL GET THERE MONDAY EVENING OR TUESDAY FROM HERE AND WILL FOLLOW THIS PLAN UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE
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